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JULY RED MEAT PRODUCTION

West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during July 2011 totaled 400,000 pounds. This was up 11 percent from July 2010. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 492,000 pounds live weight, up 16 percent from July 2010. Cattle slaughter totaled 500 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 1,071 pounds, was down 102 pounds from a year ago.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 144,000 pounds live weight, up 26 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 600 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 233 pounds, was up 6 pounds from the previous year.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

United States - Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.79 billion pounds in July, down 4 percent from the 3.96 billion pounds produced in July 2010.

Beef production, at 2.14 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.77 million head, down 5 percent from July 2010. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,272 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, 8 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 73,400 head, down 2 percent from July 2010. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from last year, at 244 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.64 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.16 million head, down 4 percent from July 2010. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 268 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.9 million pounds, was down 15 percent from July 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 164,900 head, 16 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, up 3 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2011 commercial red meat production was 28.0 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 9 percent.

July 2010 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays. July 2011 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

CHICKENS AND EGGS

United States - Egg production totaled 7.74 billion during July 2011, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.65 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2011 averaged 336 million, down 1 percent from last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,304 eggs, up 1 percent from July 2010.

All layers in the United States on August 1, 2011 totaled 335 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 335 million layers consisted of 279 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 52.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.86 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 2011, averaged 74.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from August 1, 2010.

Egg-type chicks hatched during July 2011 totaled 37.4 million, down 2 percent from July 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 37.1 million on August 1, 2011, up 11 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 232 thousand during July 2011, up 6 percent from July 2010.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during July 2011 totaled 770 million, down 4 percent from July 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 610 million on August 1, 2011, down 6 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.44 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2011, down 3 percent from July 2010.

MUSHROOMS

United States - Sales of the 2010-2011 United States mushroom crop totaled 862 million pounds, up 9 percent from the 2009-2010 season. Value of sales for the 2010-2011 United States mushroom crop is \$1.02 billion, up 10 percent from the previous season. The number of growers, at 282, is down 35 from last season. The average price is \$1.18 per pound, up 1 cent from a year ago.

Agaricus mushroom - Volume of sales totaled 845 million pounds, up 9 percent from the 2009-2010 season. Pennsylvania accounted for 65 percent of the total volume of sales and second-ranked California contributed 14 percent. The value of the Agaricus crop was estimated at \$966 million dollars, up 9 percent from the 2009-2010 season. Brown mushrooms, including Portabello and Crimini varieties, accounted for 137 million pounds, up 14 percent from last season. Brown mushrooms accounted for 16 percent of the total Agaricus volume sold and 20 percent of the total Agaricus value.

The total number of Agaricus growers in the United States, at 110, is one more grower than last season. Growers with sales exceeding 10 million pounds accounted for 74 percent of United States Agaricus production, or 629 million pounds.

United States fresh market production of Agaricus mushrooms totaled 724 million pounds, up 8 percent from the previous season, while processed production, at 121 million pounds, is 13 percent above the previous season. Growers reported United States fresh market production made up 86 percent of total sales volume while processed production represented the remaining 14 percent. Grower total filling intentions for the 2011-2012 crop are 134 million square feet, virtually unchanged from the total fillings in the 2010-2011 season.

The 61 growers of Agaricus mushrooms in Chester County, Pennsylvania produced 402 million pounds of Agaricus mushrooms, an increase of 15 percent compared with the 2009-2010 growing season. This production was valued at \$365 million, up 19 percent from the previous year. The growing area in Chester County was 12.9 million square feet, up 12 percent from 2009-2010. Total fillings were 61.3 million square feet, up 15 percent from 2009-2010.

Specialty Mushrooms: Shiitake, Oyster, and all Other Exotics - Value of sales for commercially grown specialty mushrooms in 2010-2011 totaled 50.1 million, up 27 percent from the 2009-2010 season. A specialty grower is defined as having at least 200 natural wood logs in production or some commercial indoor growing area, and \$200 dollars or more in sales. The average price per pound received by growers, at \$2.97, is up 41 cents from the previous season.

Certified Organic Agaricus and Specialty Mushrooms - Growers produced 31.2 million pounds of mushrooms that were **certified organic** during the 2010-2011 growing season, 4 percent above 2009-2010. Fifty-seven percent of the total, or 17.6 million pounds, were sold as certified organic mushrooms. This percentage is equal to the 2009-2010 crop year. Agaricus mushrooms accounted for 67 percent of the mushrooms sold as certified organic, while all specialty mushrooms made up the remainder. The total certified organic sales of all mushrooms represent 2 percent of the 2010-2011 total mushroom sales. The number of certified organic mushroom growers totaled 46, down 5 growers from the previous season. These growers represent 16 percent of the 282 total mushroom producers.



2010 CASH RECEIPTS

West Virginia - The 2010 cash receipts from marketing all agricultural commodities in West Virginia totaled 520,077,000 dollars, up 16 million dollars from 2009. Receipts from marketing livestock and livestock products accounted for 82.6% of the State total. Cash receipts from crops accounted for 17.4% of the 2010 total. While crop commodity prices were higher in 2010 than in 2009 the drought in West Virginia reduced crop production and with it cash receipts. Reduced receipts from cattle and calves were offset by increases from poultry and eggs.

The largest contributor to the agricultural marketings in the state continues to be poultry and eggs. Cash receipts from the poultry industry, which includes broilers, eggs and turkeys, accounted for 53.3% of the state total. The second leading contributor was cattle and calves which accounted for 22.2% of the total in 2010.

Nationally the State of West Virginia ranked 25th for cash receipts from poultry and eggs. Broilers were the main contributor accounting 32.1% of cash receipts in the State. West Virginia ranked 19th in the nation based on cash receipts from broilers. Other highly ranked West Virginia commodities include Turkey receipts at 18th and Apple receipts at 19th in the nation.

West Virginia Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings: 2005-2010 ^{1/}

Commodity	2005	2006	2007	2008*	2009*	2010
	(000) Dollars					
Livestock Products	394,878	377,607	423,919	425,161	409,920	429,815
Cattle and Calves	113,770	113,325	115,361	113,545	137,644	115,232
Hogs	1,601	1,181	1,406	970	885	652
Sheep & Lambs	1,841	1,829	2,118	2,227	2,173	2,642
Dairy Products	29,796	26,398	38,214	33,652	20,640	26,195
Poultry and Eggs	241,314	228,232	259,417	267,226	241,265	277,297
Miscellaneous Livestock ^{2/}	6,556	6,642	7,403	7,541	7,313	7,797
Crops	68,745	75,656	76,467	90,262	94,258	90,262
Food Grains (Wheat)	963	1,177	1,913	2,612	1,458	1,271
Feed Crops (Corn, Hay)	19,678	26,277	26,562	34,331	35,954	32,177
Soybeans	4,211	4,034	4,796	6,408	7,786	7,212
Apples	6,813	7,434	7,734	10,223	10,745	9,845
Peaches	3,837	2,890	3,431	3,250	3,920	4,625
Other Crops ^{3/}	33,243	33,844	32,031	33,438	34,395	35,132
All Commodities	463,623	453,263	500,386	515,423	504,178	520,077

^{1/} Cash receipts reflect sales of commodities from farms where produced within a calendar year irrespective of the year of production. ^{2/} Includes aquaculture, equine, honey, wool, and all other livestock. ^{3/} Includes greenhouse/nursery, miscellaneous fruits and berries, Christmas trees, oats, vegetables, tobacco, mushrooms and other crops. * Revised.

Source: USDA, Economic Research Service <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data/farmincome/finfidmu.htm>.

